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Dear Parents and Carers

School Expectations when using Public Transport

In the past few weeks, we have received several very concerning reports about the behaviour of some of our learners using public transport to get to and from school.

This includes:

- Antisocial behaviour towards other passengers at the bus stop, in the bus station and on the bus;
- Criminal damage in the bus station and at private residential property near to the bus stop.

This behaviour must stop immediately, and I am asking that you speak to your child about the potential consequences of their actions if they have been involved in this.

Several incidents have been reported to the police and where our learners are identifiable, we have provided authorities with the relevant contact details to pursue further action. Incidents have also been reported to Transport for Greater Manchester and Wigan Council. These two agencies provide the free school bus passes, and it is in their power to remove these bus passes from children causing damage and disruption meaning that you will become financially responsible for getting your child to school. In addition, they can remove your child's *igo card* so that they will be charged full price on any buses they use. They can also ban your child from the bus stations and from buses

As a school our behaviour policy extends to travelling to and from school as well as any time your child is out wearing school uniform. If your child is involved in behaviour that will bring the reputation of the school into disrepute, I will issue sanctions for that behaviour.

When you are trying to return your child to mainstream, or your child is trying to get a job or college placement, none of us want them to be hampered by the school the attend having a bad reputation in the community due to the inconsiderate behaviour of a minority of learners, all of whom I know can behave appropriately if they choose to.

Yours sincerely



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